

Acting on Acts

Take your time in considering the following assignments. You must choose one. It will be due on _____.

1. Pentecost Diary

- a. Read Acts 2:14-41
- b. Imagine that you were in the crowd that heard Peter's sermon in Acts 2. You were one of the three thousand who believed, were baptized, and became part of the church.
- c. Write a diary entry for that night (at least 200 words). Remember, Peter spoke just after the Holy Spirit had come at Pentecost.
- d. Tell what you saw and heard, including what happened to you.

2. Paul's Missionary Journeys

- a. A significant portion of the book of Acts is devoted to the missionary journeys of Paul. The apostle takes the gospel beyond Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria. It is on the way to the ends of the earth.
- b. Obtain a map of the region around the Mediterranean Sea, one that is representative of the region during the first century. (You may choose to draw your map or use a computer to create one.) Your map should be blank, simply outlining the countries and the bodies of water.
- c. Identify the approximate route for each of Paul's missionary journeys.
- d. Identify significant geographical features, including cities Paul visited and bodies of water he crossed.

3. Extra, Extra, Read All About It!

- a. The book of Acts is the history book of the New Testament and therefore is filled with significant events.
- b. Select an event from the book of Acts that is of particular interest to you. Possible events you could write about include the following:
 - Jesus taken up into heaven (1:1-10)
 - Peter's escape from prison (12:1-19)
 - Paul's and Silas's imprisonment and escape (16:16-40)
 - Paul in a storm and shipwreck (27:13-44)
- c. Write a newspaper article about the events you selected.
 - Write in the objective style of a newspaper reporter.
 - Try to be historically accurate, though you can add realistic details if you wish, including appropriate dialogue.

4. Preach it, brother!

- a. Acts includes ten key sermons which form the foundation of Christian faith and doctrine.
- b. Memorize one of these sermons and make a dramatic presentation to the class.
 - Peter at Pentecost (2:14-41)

- Peter at the temple (3:11-26)
- Peter and John before the Sanhedrin (4:8-12)
- Stephen prior to his martyrdom (7:1-53)
- Paul and the synagogue in Pisidian Antioch (13:16-41)
- Paul in Lystra (14:14-18)
- James at the Jerusalem Council (15:12-21)
- Paul in Athens (17:22-31)
- Paul in Jerusalem (21:37-22:21)
- Paul before Agrippa (26:1-29)